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REMARKS

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1. Strasshof (P 49/S 50) airfield

On 4 May 1952, Strasshof airfield was occupied by 9 single-engine aircraft and about 48 single-engine jet planes, 36 of which were counted. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was no flying. The weather was dry, and the sky was 8/10 overcast. On 6 May, about 44 single-engine jet planes and 10 single-engine aircraft were parked at the field. Of the jet aircraft 38 were counted. (1) Between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., there was flying by jet aircraft which took off in groups of two. The planes remained aloft for about 30 minutes. After the landing, the aircraft were towed to the dispersal area by trucks or weapons carriers. The air intake aperture was closed with a red lid after the landing. [redacted] three jet aircraft had a two-man crew. Aft of the cabin there was an antenna rod with an antenna leading to the rudder assembly. Another rod, about 15 centimeters high, was between the first antenna rod and the root of the rudder assembly. The jet planes had tube-shaped devices on the underside of their noses. The landing gear was retracted toward the fuselage into the wings. A vertical strut was observed in the middle of the air intake aperture. [redacted]

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2. Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield

Between 3 and 4 p.m. on 27 April, 42 jet aircraft and 3 biplanes were observed at Wiener Neustadt airfield. There was a 10/10 overcast, rainy weather and poor visibility. Individual flights were made which lasted about 5 minutes. About 10 minutes after the landing, the planes again took off. Between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on 28 April, the field was occupied by 30 jet aircraft and 3 biplanes. 4 biplanes landed at 4:40 and 4:43 p.m. respectively. There was a 10/10 overcast and light rain. Between 4:30 and 5 p.m. on 30 April, 46 jet aircraft and 3 biplanes were observed at the field. There was no flying in clear weather, there was a 2/10 overcast. Driving school truck [redacted] was observed in Wiener Neustadt. (3)

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3. Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36) airfield

Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 30 April, 19 Pe-2s and 4 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with a single rudder assembly were observed at Bad Voeslau airfield. There was no flying. The sky was 2/10 overcast. There was sunny and calm weather. The radio installation on the northern edge of the field was removed. About 500 meters north of its previous location, there was a radio truck and an antenna mast

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about 4 meters high with a cone-shaped bracing. Four antenna masts and two wooden cabins were about 700 meters north of the latter mast. Another radio installation consisting of an antenna mast about 8 meters high and a wooden cabin was observed 300 to 400 meters north of the northern exit of Oyenhhausen (O 48/X 36). The three radio installations were interconnected by cables. (4) No essential changes were observed in the Soviet-occupied objects in Bad Voeslau.

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Comments.

- (1) The number of single-engine jet aircraft at Strasshof airfield is still increasing.

it was assumed that the two bomber regiments left the field in order to make space for a second jet fighter regiment.

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- (2) The aircraft description indicate that the jet aircraft at Strasshof airfield are MiG-15s and that the two-seater jet planes are type 29's. The second rod, about 15 centimeters high, which is located between the rod of the main antenna and the root of the rudder assembly is believed to be a dipole. The dipole has already been observed in the Soviet zone of Germany. The tube-like devices on the underside of the nose indicate the presence of weapons.
- (3) The number of jet aircraft at Wiener Neustadt has gradually increased so that the present aircraft number exceeds the usual strength of a fighter regiment.
- (4) Bad Voeslau airfield is still believed to be occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army. From the location of ground radio stations north of the field, it is inferred that an installation for instrument landing in bad weather is located there.

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